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REMARKS

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Claim 1 has been amended to better conform with U.S. practice to recite "(a) adding ... and (b) adding" This amendment does not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 16 have been amended to recite "concentrates" for consistency to better conform with U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claims 1, 2, and 12 have been amended to recite U.S. spellings for "stabilizing" and "deodorization". These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claim 4 has been amended to remove two abbreviations not previously recited in the claims. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 8-9. See In re Gardner, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l) (8th ed. Rev. 3, August 2005, pp. 600-89 and 600-81).

Claims 4 - 9 and 11 - 14 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to minimize filing fees and better conform with U.S. practice. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, lines 7-12 and page 4, line 21 - page 5, line 13. See id.

Claims 6-8, 10-11, and 13 have been amended to remove alternative language, *i.e.* "preferably" or "most preferably", to better conform with U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice.

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Claim 16 has been amended to recite "comprising adding..." to better conform with U.S. practice. This amendment does not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claims 17-21 have been added to claim subject matter previously presented in alternative form in claims 6-8 and 10-11, respectively. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, lines 7-12 and page 4, line 21 - page 5, line 13. See id.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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